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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorney(s) for Applicant(s) hereby bring the reference(s) listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449 to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The following paragraphs are applicable:

1. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed, except as otherwise indicated.
2. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. Therefore, no certification or fee is required.
3. In the event an Office Action is mailed before this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and § 1.97(e), applicants' attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application (Japan) dated December 11, 2007, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
4. Please note that there are no English language translations or abstracts of most of the non-English language references from the Communication referred to above, where these references were first cited. However, we have been advised by the Japanese patent attorneys handling this application of the following brief explanation of the non-English language references that are relevant to the present application:

Reference	Publication Date	Brief Explanation
Handbook on the Strength of Weld Joints	April 25, 1988	Chapter 4 Ductile- Strength of Welded Joints, 4•2•1 General Characteristic of Ductile-Strength (refer to lines 26-31 of right column on page 4-1 and lines 1-2 of left column on page 4-4)
Report No. 12, No. 4, Japan Welding Society	1994	Fracture Toughness Evaluation of Multipass Weld HAZ with Focus on Mechanical Mis-Matching Effect (refer to abstract)
Report No. 87, The shipbuilding Research Association of Japan	April 25, 1988	Evaluation of Brittle Fracture Toughness of Welded Joints of Ship under High Welding Heat Input, pp 93-95, 98, 112, and 129 (Refer to nos. 9-12 (Steel K5D) in Table 2 (p 95), Table 10 (p 112) and Fig. 97 (p 129))
Symposium on Welding Metallurgy of TMCP-Steel	May 1985	Strength of Welded Joints with Softened HAZ on TMCP-type HT50-Steel, pp 140-150 (Refer to fig. 1 (p 140))

5. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge **KENYON & KENYON LLP's Deposit Account No. 11-0600** for such fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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